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Attachment I

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Field Training

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SUBJECT : Visit of Inspectors

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1. I had three separate sessions with the inspectors: the first, about a half-hour, with all three; the second about one and a half-hours with [REDACTED] and the third, about a half-hour or more with [REDACTED]

2. In the first session two main points were discussed. I was first asked about training for experienced case officers. I replied that this was a topic often discussed in various DDP circles, and that I felt that the Agency needed some kind of course of this nature, and undoubtedly one day would have one. I mentioned the proposal I had once made for a start in that direction for the fall of 1959, but that its implementation had not been feasible at that time. Asked why, I replied that I understood one of the primary difficulties was that of availability of participants. At this point [REDACTED] made a significant interjection to the effect that if the training were needed the DDP should see to it that its personnel took it. I made no comment to this, although to me it seems to be a question with two sides. 25X1A9a

3. On request I described briefly the nature of the course I had proposed.

4. The second point was related to instructor rotation and the problems of keeping instructor quality up to professional level. I concurred strongly in the present policy of assigning experienced DDP officers to Training. I cited the cases of several officers who were well treated while here and who received good assignments on leaving here as being the type of experience that should ultimately eliminate case officer reluctance to serve with Training.

5. To a considerable degree the second and third sessions covered the same ground. Considerable discussion was held on the problems of training of instructors, the nature of the OC, and a few points of details of curricula were explored briefly.

6. The point on which the inspectors seemed to show the greatest concern was that of DDP support of training and the extent to which DDP needs and requirements are expressed to Training through established channels. From the nature of the questions, I had the sensation that the inspectors were already convinced that the DDP should take a more active role in the day-to-day organization and development of the train-

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ing courses. In my responses I pointed out that questions of policy seemed to me to be already well taken care of by Mr. Baird's weekly (or oftener) meetings with [REDACTED]. I conceded the difficulty of obtaining clear cut and comprehensive expressions of detailed DDP training ideas, as exemplified by our experience with the OMI course, but pointed to the purely practical problems involved. I then expressed the opinion that from a practical standpoint the DDP interests in training are best served by the assignment of persons like myself and several of the OC staff members who must be presumed to have a thorough understanding of DDP requirements and whose full time job it then becomes to see to it that the instruction under our care meets these needs.

7. I made one suggestion which I think would help measurably in this regard: the appointment as DDP Training Officer a DDP man at the end of his tour on the OC staff. Such a man, knowing the operations courses intimately, should be able to get maximum results in DDP - OTR liaison.

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